

## BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2078

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420785704

Address: 414-424 North Charles Street

Current Name: The Rochambeau Hotel

Demolished 2006

Block: 565 Lot: 13

Lot size: 100 ft. x 58 ft.

Height: 7

Materials: Brick, stone, terra cotta

Condition: Good

Owner: Albert G. Aaron

Use: Commercial/Residential

Accessible: Yes, restricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: RHB 2901/341



Historic Name: The Rochambeau

Date: 1906

Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate): Renaissance Revival

**Description:** The building has two main elevations, a long side consisting of eleven bays facing Charles Street and a shorter one of seven bays on Franklin Street. The main floor on Charles Street is occupied by storefronts and has been faced up to the sill level of the second floor with bronzed aluminum panels. The apartment hotel entrance on Franklin Street has a projecting canopy or marquee on two pillars. This facade, including the marquee and pillars, is also covered in the aluminum panelling, except for the central area where the brick facing is exposed. The upper floors are primarily brick and are punctuated by oriel bays extending from the second floor through the cornice line. The second floor is faced with dark red brick in a rusticated pattern. A stone belt course of fret molding sets off the upper floors which are in a lighter brick and have quoins up to the lower cornice below the seventh floor. The windows have aluminum storm sash over 1/1 frames. Garlanded consoles decorate the flat arches. The oriel bays have three sides and have floral panels below each window. The bays are painted yellow. A massive modillion cornice with garlanded console brackets and dentils terminates the facade. The south and west elevations are unadorned stock brick with square projecting bays on the south

**Significance:** elevation. An exterior fire escape is located between the bays.

Area: architecture

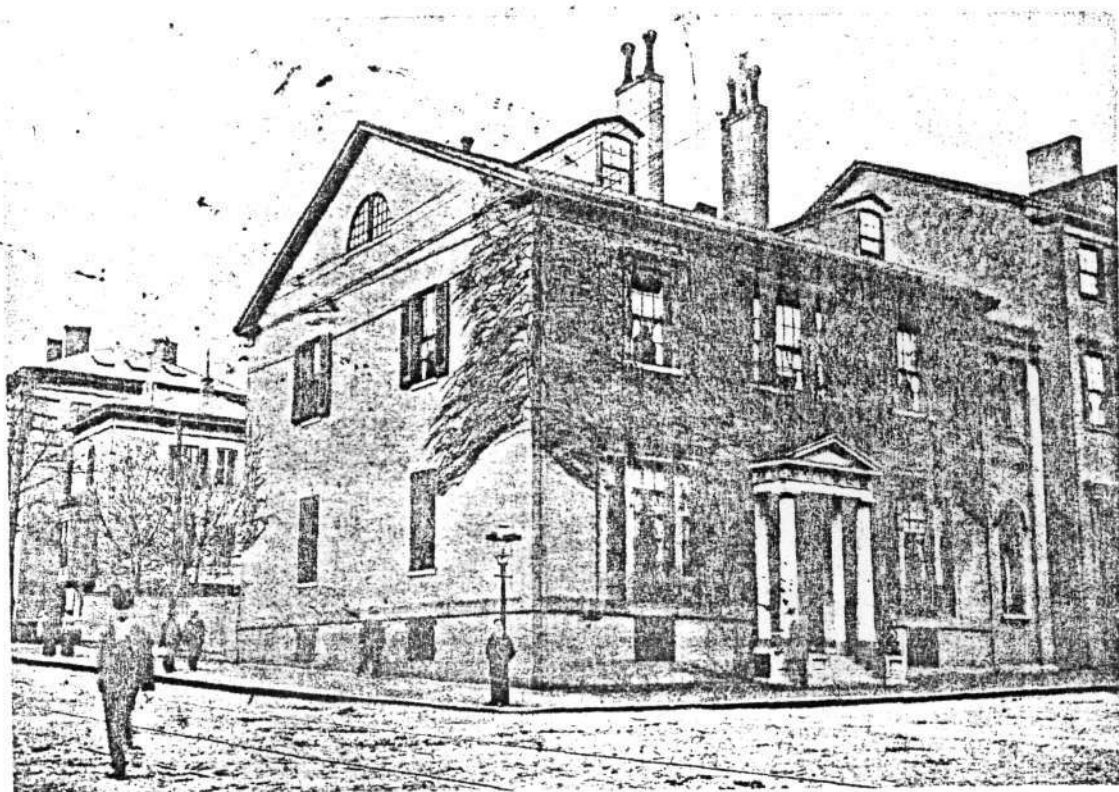
Level: local

The Rochambeau, although built after the 1904 Fire during the upsurge of development along Charles Street, is architecturally linked with the 19th century styles. The prominent bays and the irregular cornice line suggest the surface restlessness of the 1880's apartment houses. The architect of the Rochambeau was not identified in this survey. The site of the building was previously occupied by the residence of Dr. William Osler, who lived there from 1892 until 1905 when the house was demolished for construction of the Rochambeau. The name refers to the encampment of Rochambeau's troops on the site in 1782.

**Sources:** Land records; BS 12-12-1898**Surveyor and Date:** Janet Davis, April 1985

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No. 1 WEST FRANKLIN STREET, BALTIMORE

Site of Rochambeau Apartments, ca. 1900  
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Dr. William Osler Residence  
The Life of Sir William Osler, Vol. 1, (1925)

Baltimore Metrocenter Survey  
Cathedral Hill Area  
The Rochambeau  
414-424 North Charles Street;  
1 West Franklin Street  
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Rochambeau Apartments B-2078  
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey  
Baltimore (City), Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
Date: May 1985  
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
Northeast corner view



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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: The Rochambeau				
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Rochambeau				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 West Franklin Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Albert G. Aaron				
STREET AND NUMBER: 3908 North Charles Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Baltimore City Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Lexington Street.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): RHB 2961 Folio 341				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: The Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 12/1/75 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Commission For Historic & Architectural Preservation				
STREET AND NUMBER: 26 South Calvert Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number 1 West Franklin St., originally referred to as The Rochambeau is situated at the southwest corner of the intersection formed by North Charles and Franklin Streets in Baltimore Maryland. This is a seven story multiple dwelling constructed of brick with stone ornamentations.

The north side of the building(facing Franklin St.) is six bays wide. The first story has an aluminum sided storefront with one centrally located door. The six 1-pane rectangular windows vary in size.

The second through seventh stories have two projecting, stone, bay windows centrally located above the first story door. All windows are one over one sash. The seventh story corner windows on the north and east side of the building are grouped.

The east side(facing N.Charles St.) is eleven bays wide. The first story is of the same design and construction as that of the north side. Five flat, non-transom, doors serve as entrances to the various shops. Single pane display windows connect the doors with one another.

The second through seventh stories have four projecting stone bay windows--two are centrally located.

The second bay in from the corner of Charles and Franklin Streets no longer serve as windows, rather they have been bricked up.

The south and west sides serve as back entrances. No storefront exists. The running brick is painted yellow. The south side has two centrally located doors on the first floor. The second through seventh stories are identical in construction to the north side.

The west side has the same number of bays as the east side.

Much ornamentation exists on the north and east sides. Above the stone bay windows on the second, third, fourth, and fifth stories, are intricately carved panels.

The remaining windows on the north and east sides have a protruding scroll ornament on the stone, flat-arched lintel. A stone Greek fret (variation) runs between the second and third stories. A simple brick and stone fret is located between the sixth and seventh stories.

The stone cornice is a simple variation of the Corinthian Order.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Number one West Franklin Street reflects the style of architecture that developed in America at the turn of the century. The invention of steel frames enabled architects to build vertically rather than horizontally. The combination of advanced technology and the basic forms of architecture led to the development of the hotel, the modern office building, and the apartment complex. Number one West Franklin Street (also known as The Rochambeau) is representative of this new style.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

100 feet by 58 feet

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Lynne C. Sayles

ORGANIZATION

The Commission for Historic  
Goucher College in cooperation with and Archit. Preservation

DATE

12/1/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

City Hall

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore

STATE

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## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

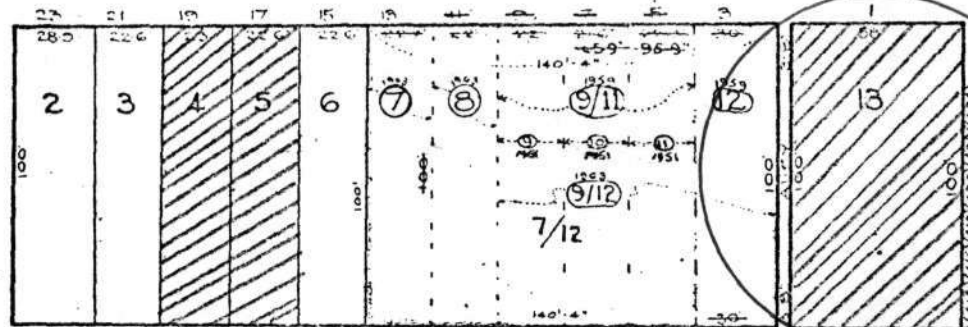
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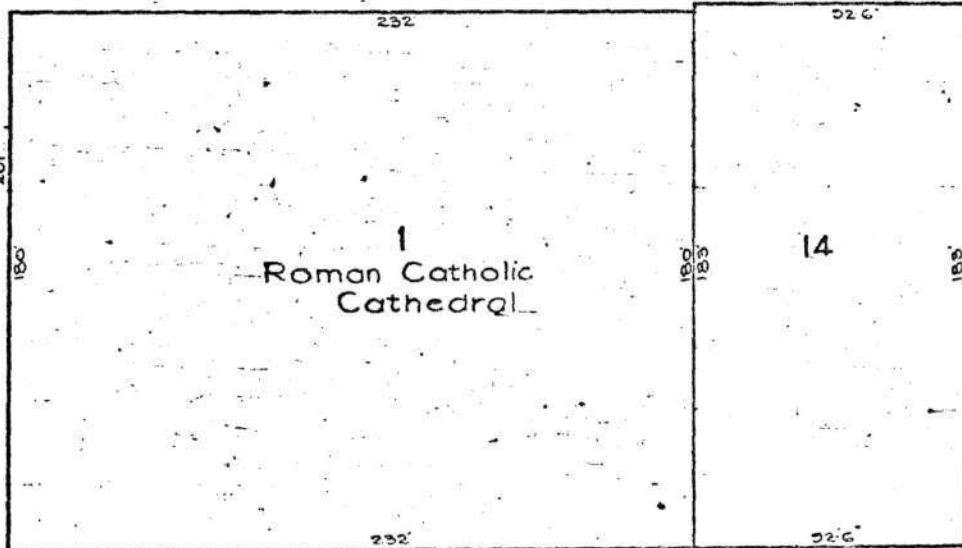


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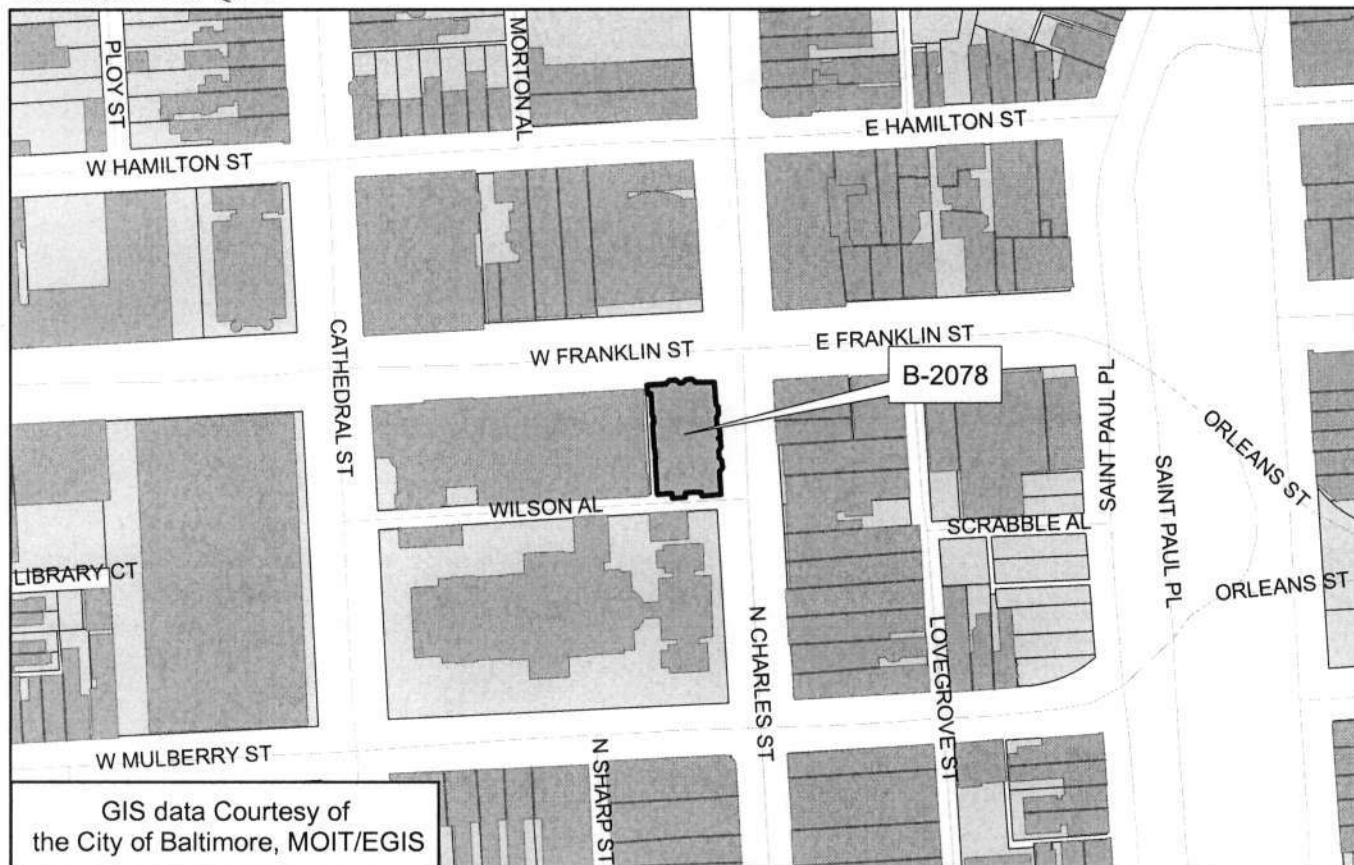
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